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MINING LICENCE
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mining licenses granted by the Government during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the details of mining areas which have been inspected to verify whether they have adhered to the environmental norms in the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES(Dr. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) : State Governments are owners of minerals and grant mineral concessions in accordance with the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. Prior approval of Central Government is necessary for grant of mineral concession for minerals listed in the First Schedule to the Act. The details of prior approvals conveyed by the Central Government for grant of mineral concessions to the State Governments in the last three years, State-wise, are available in the website of the Ministry of Mines (http://www. mines.nic.in).

(b): The details of mines inspected by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) to verify adherence to the environmental norms in the last three years are as under:-

Year	Number of mines inspected
2005-06	1808
2006-07	1575
2007-08(upto Feb`08)	959